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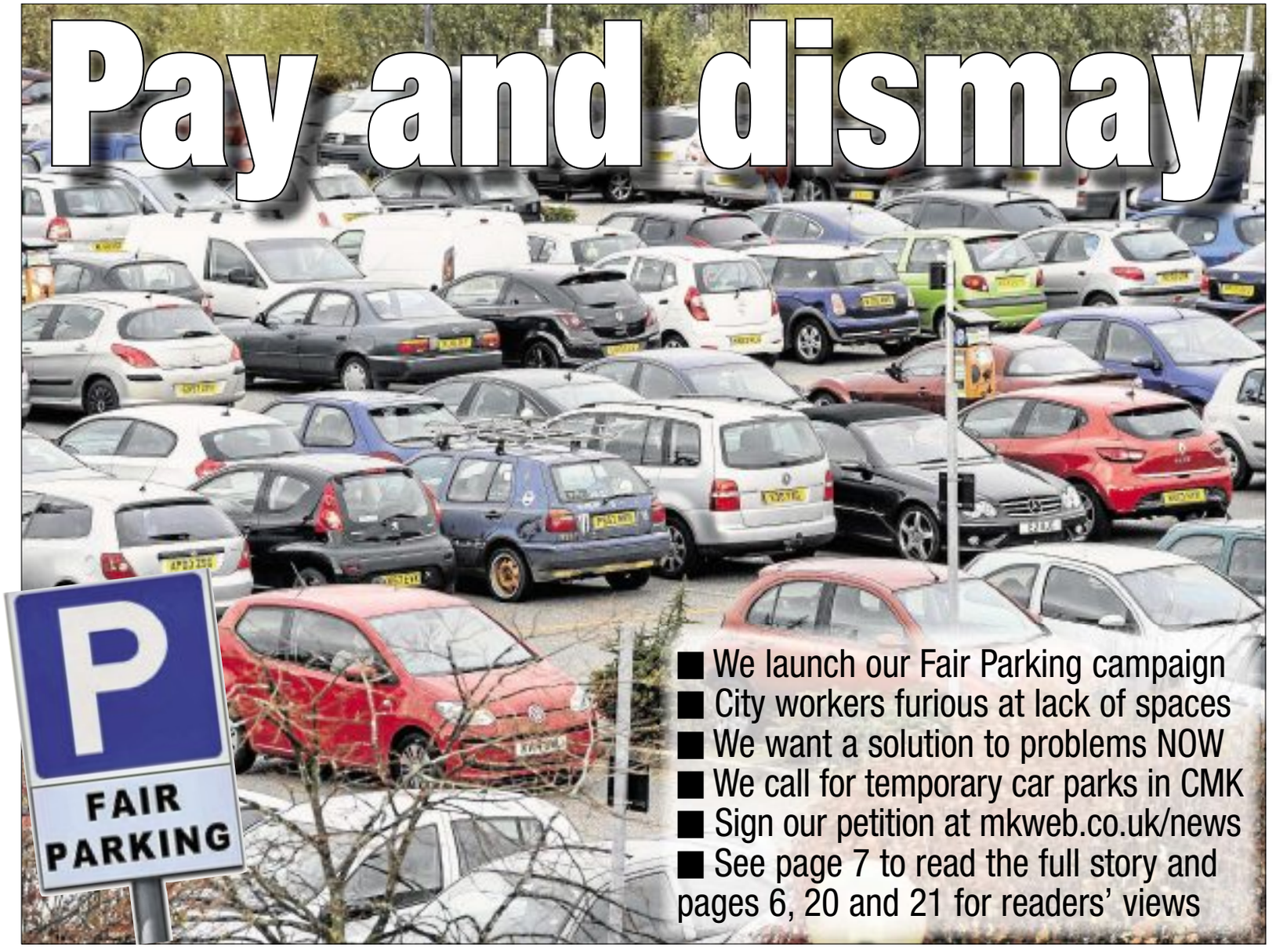

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Former Dons midfielder on I'm A Celebrity

FORMER MK Dons midfielder Jimmy Bullard will appear on ITV1's hit series I'm A Celebrity...Get Me Out Of Here!

Jimmy signed for Dons at the start of the 2012/13 season, but was forced to retire after just a couple of months at the club because of two cruciate knee ligament injuries he had suffered throughout his career.

Dons manager Karl Robinson, who brought him to the club, cannot wait to watch him on the reality show.

He said: "I spoke to Jimmy on Friday funnily enough – he was in a pub and for him to be in the jungle is a scary thought! He can't sit still for more than two minutes so I honestly don't know how he's going to do it.

"I've got a soft spot for Jimmy, but thankfully it won't be live.

"The lions and tigers and bears should be scared!

"When I found out on Monday I honestly couldn't believe it and it's going to make great TV.

"I'm not one for reality programmes but I will 100 per cent be watching this – it could be comedy at its all time best."

Jimmy will appear alongside Michael Buerk, Craig Charles, Gemma Collins, Mel Sykes, Carl Fogarty, Nadia Forde, Vicki Michelle and Tinchy Stryder.

In the jungle: Karl Robinson is looking forward to seeing what ex-player Jimmy Bullard will get up to on ITV1 show

Is Primark straight to The Point?

BY JAMES AVERILL
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PRIMARK has refused to deny speculation linking it to a new development replacing The Point.

Although the budget-retailer has refused to comment on the rumours, in February this year it confirmed its intention to open a second store in Milton Keynes to compete with its MK1 branch.

And there are reports that Primark could be eyeing a move to make it the anchor store at a new development – planned by Hammerson – which would replace the former multiplex cinema when it is bulldozed.

One of those to have heard the speculation includes Milton Keynes city centre manager, Melanie Beck, who said: "I would be surprised if there have not been discussions – it's an obvious anchor."

And MK Dons chairman Pete Winkelman, who wooed the fashion store to his development at MK1, added: "They were very clear they wanted a second store in the centre. I know they will be in discussions with developers and the success of the store at MK1 has probably driven them on to get one in the centre."

Hammerson also declined to comment.

And it appears that Primark may not be the only ones targeting The Point – as it's apparently a hotspot for UFO sightings.

Nick Pope, who investigated sightings for the Ministry of Defence, said: "If you believe the aliens theory, one could see why UFOs might be attracted to a pyramid-like structure."

More at **mkweb.co.uk**.

Asthma fund launched by Ciara's mum

THE mother of a seven-year-old girl who died from an asthma attack says her death still doesn't 'feel real' – but is determined to raise awareness of the condition that killed her.

Marie Rooney has set up a lasting memories fund after her daughter Ciara Barker passed away at the John Radcliffe Hospital on October 20 following a sudden asthma attack at home two days earlier.

Ciara was buried at Woughton-on-the-Green on Thursday in a new Tinkerbell outfit, which was discovered at the top of her Christmas wish list for this year.

But Marie admits she has yet to come to terms with her daughter's untimely death.

"It just doesn't feel real yet," she told MK NEWS yesterday.

"We have set up the fund because asthma does not get the awareness it deserves.

"We take it for granted, you think everything will be alright with a puff of the inhaler. But that's not always the case, bad things can happen like they did with Ciara."

'Boisterous' Ciara lived at home with Marie and her six brothers and sisters in Netherfield and was a student at nearby Langland Community School, which also has plans to raise awareness about asthma.

Find out how to donate by visiting **www.mkweb.co.uk**.

Disney's Lion King: Join Leo the Lion watching his favourite movie at Cineworld Milton Keynes

Roar with Leo at cinema

MILTON Keynes Hospital Charity has teamed up with Cineworld Milton Keynes for a special showing of Disney's The Lion King in aid of Leo's Appeal.

The appeal, which is MK NEWS and MKWeb's charity of the year, is raising £200,000 for the hospital's children's ward.

The money will go towards improving the ward and facilities for sick children and their families in Milton Keynes.

The special screening will be held on Saturday December 6 to raise money for the appeal.

Doors will open at 10am with the film starting at 11am. Tickets cost £6 per person with a free munchbox.

Other entertainment on the day will include a raffle with the chance to win a 12-month Cineworld Unlimited Card and the opportunity to meet Leo the Lion.

Find out how to buy tickets at **www.mkweb.co.uk**.

Garage picks up hospital's calls

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A PATIENT was shocked when a car dealer answered the phone when she called the number for Milton Keynes Hospital's breast screening service.

The woman, who wished to remain anonymous, contacted MK NEWS after the number on the hospital's website actually took her to Nissan Glyn Hopkin in Redmoor, which has been inundated with calls from patients.

"I was phoning to change a hospital appointment and a man from the company told me about the problem and that patients were leaving confidential messages," said the concerned patient.

Andrew Masson from Glyn Hopkin said it wasn't just patient's personal details being left on their answerphone, but also messages from staff booking scans.

Mr Masson said: "It went from one call a week to five or six a day. If I spent all my time redirecting people and responding to the messages I would not be able to do my job. I know I wouldn't be happy if my personal medical records were being listened to."

A spokesman from the hospital said: "On Monday we were made aware of the error on our website, which has since been rectified.

"We believe the error was introduced when we launched our new website on October 17. We are checking all published numbers to ensure there are no further errors. We recommend that patients never leave sensitive or personal information on an answerphone, whether for the hospital or otherwise."

Smoke ban heating up

PLANS to ban smoking in cars with children are set to be approved next month – and the debate is heating up on Facebook.

Our story about the ban, which could leave those who break it with a £10,000 fine, was the most read story on **www.mkweb.co.uk** on Monday and yesterday.

One poster, Brian Tompkins, said: "I don't think you should be allowed to smoke while there are children in the car. It's extremely harmful to them."

Ethan Williams responded: "We don't live in North Korea. They can't control us."

Don't go near man wanted for assault

POLICE are urging residents not to approach a man wanted for an assault on a woman – but they do want you to tell them if you see him in the streets.

David Dundas, 36, *pictured*, is wanted in connection with an assault on Tuesday August 5, which left the female with puncture wounds and severe cuts.

She has since been discharged from Milton Keynes Hospital.

Dundas speaks with a London accent and has connections to the Conniburrow area of MK, and Lambeth in the capital.

Case Investigator, Katie King, said: "We are liaising with our colleagues in the Metropolitan Police Service to try and locate Dundas as soon as we can."

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Please help workers

I WAS interested to see the article in the newspaper last week regarding parking in CMK (*'How do you solve a problem like parking?', MK NEWS, November 12*).

I work in the centre and unless I have secured a parking space by 8.15am, I would not be able to get one anywhere near the office.

In the summer, it doesn't worry me so much, but at this time of the year, when it is dark by 4.30pm, I worry for my own safety when walking back to the car alone at the end of the day.

I don't start work until 9am, which means I work 40-45 minutes overtime everyday as a result of the very poor parking in CMK.

It would be really nice to have some of my own time back in the morning. And I dare not move the car all day for the fear of not being able to get a space again when I return.

The poor parking must also have an effect on shoppers too no doubt, as it would be virtually impossible for anyone to get a space near the shops any time of the day.

The parking really must get sorted out. There are always free red bays so I think these should be available for those who work in the centre.

There is also plenty of derelict space not too far from the Argos/Homebase building so can we please have a multi-storey car park?

Please help the workers!

Michelle Neale

Sent via email

Parking problems: Drivers are calling for more spaces to make it easier to leave their cars in the centre of the city

I may need to leave job

I HAVE worked in CMK for more than nine years and over the last 18 months to two years it has become practically impossible to park in a purple bay and use my scratch cards in the morning.

Often around 8.50am when I get in I can only park near the police station (which is then a good six to eight minute walk into the office)and on many days I have to park in a red bay that costs £1.40 an hour – which is a minimum of £4.20 until I can try and get out in my break.

I have had several parking tickets (at £30 if paid in 14 days) because I have not managed to get to my car in time, or I have parked in what I thought was a correct purple bay.

Only when I dispute it do I find that notices and paint markings were not clear, being resident-only, electric or car share bays.

It is now costing an average of £8 to £10 a day to park. Times that by five days a week it is £50 on top of running a car and it is looking like I will need to try to change my working hours. If not agreed to by my employer, I may have to consider changing jobs and I do not want to be forced to do this.

While I strive to complete my family commitments each morning I am having to allow a 35-minute commute to get into Central Milton Keynes from Newport Pagnell and then I still find it difficult to park before 9am (it is just a five-mile drive to work).

It is getting increasingly difficult to explain to my boss why I may arrive a few minutes late in the morning and this is causing me concern, while I cannot afford to continue to be financially disadvantaged in order to arrive at work by 9am.

I recall it seemed to get worse when Network Rail built its HQ at the train station. Parking around the train station end of the city was swallowed up by the large influx of employees, while other parking areas were built on and new businesses and staff increased the demand on the diminishing parking spaces.

This was also around the time the parking bays were remarked with a large number of the purple bays turned to red bays, while the free parking bays nearer the city centre were changed to paid parking, mostly red with some purple. Shoppers have thus parked further away from the centre in the purple bays that were earmarked for office staff (employee scratch cards) and walking a short distance to the shops.

I am particularly concerned now that the clocks have turned back and it is now dark when leaving the office. I am scared about walking great distances via unlit underpasses and through empty business and parking areas to get to my car. I often leave late and when it's past 6pm it is quiet and several times recently I have felt that I was being followed and it is very scary.

I need to have a car as I have ill family members and I need to be able to drive to them at short notice so car sharing and using the buses is not an option for me currently (I tried them for one month and found I was late most mornings and the buses never reached the bus stop I left from in the morning, with nearest stop being more than a mile away from my home in the evening).

I am not sure how long I can afford to keep paying such extortionate red bay fees and will have to look at alternative employment outside of CMK, however, this is a drastic measure to have to undertake in the current employment climate.

It may be more prudent for my employer to listen to the constant negative parking feedback from its employees and to relocate the offices outside of the city centre so it can keep its trained and qualified staff along with maintaining its business values, which includes a work life balance.

I would urge the council to rethink its parking commitment and support the business; it would be a great shame if Central Milton Keynes was just a shopping mall and a cinema.

I am sure the shops would then find it difficult to pay their rates with the loss of business employee footfall at lunchtimes and after-work meetings.

Name and address supplied

Coming up

Read more of your comments on parking issues in Milton Keynes

Turn to pages 20 and 21

Comments on parking in MK

Get involved at facebook.com/mymkweb and @YourMKWeb

Caroline Markwell: Why would you pay £1.40 for an hour when you can pay 40p for an hour. The difference in the distance you have to walk from some of these spaces no way warrants the extra money!

Lorraine Rumbelow: Make it all purple. It's better to get some money for the parking spaces rather than them sitting empty. A £1 increase seems rather a lot of money just to be a few yards closer to the centre.

Princess Sparklepants: I think the price of red spaces are too high and there are too many of them. Reduce the price of red and increase the quantity of purple. And if they must charge £1.40 per hour, those spaces really should be right next to the shops or on the doorstep of council offices.

Anthony Martin: We need less red spaces and more purple spaces. Also we need a good long-term solution, more people are driving and working in the city and we are not seeing an increase in car parking spaces.

Iain @igar75: Have decided to give up on trying to find a parking space in Milton Keynes. Will do something easier instead, like finding the Holy Grail.

Pritesh Patel @priteshpatel9: What's with the parking around Milton Keynes train station? An hour to find a space. HOUR!!!

Ian Charter @DabDad: Parking chaos at mk station today. First ten car parks I tried were full! Ten!...TEN!! #really?

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Ready, steady, bake: Cakes for Kids volunteers hand out recipes to shoppers at Oakgrove Waitrose

There is still time to bake

WITH just three days to go until a Guinness World Record baking attempt have you got the recipe?

On Friday from 4pm at the centre:mk, Cakes for Kids will be collecting residents' cupcakes, hopefully around 14,000, in a bid to make the longest line of identical cupcakes and raise money for Children in Need, MK Hospital's Leo's Appeal and Neve Lund, who has cerebral palsy.

Shoppers visiting Waitrose in Oakgrove at the weekend were reminded of the challenge and picked up the recipe so they could get baking and beat BBC Radio Gloucestershire, which is doing the same challenge on the same day.

John Lewis and Waitrose will be collecting cakes from nominated pick up points tomorrow and transporting them to Middleton Hall. There is still time to make some – for the recipe visit **www.mkweb.co.uk**.

No space drives us parking mad

BY JAMES AVERILL

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MK NEWS is demanding more cheap parking spaces are created in CMK – and you can help us by signing our online petition.

This newspaper is launching its Fair Parking campaign, calling on key organisations to begin addressing the city's parking problems now and in the future.

City centre workers have inundated us with letters about their parking woes following our story about the problems in last week's paper, with many saying they are considering leaving MK altogether unless it improves.

While a review into parking is being undertaken by Milton Keynes Council, we believe that temporary measures must be taken to alleviate the lack of available purple spaces. It cannot wait.

We are calling for pockets of land that remain undeveloped to be home to more spaces – ensuring there is a fair price to pay for parking.

Do you want Fair Parking? Sign our online petition at **mkweb.co.uk/news**

Land such as that opposite Sainsbury's and The Hub running parallel with Childs Way has been left vacant, serving only as an eyesore.

Other areas, such as the site of the former Wyevale Garden Centre in South 10th Street and an unused car park neighbouring Winterhill Retail Park could also be used.

Our campaign has won the backing of city centre manager, Melanie Beck, who said: "I absolutely support this petition. In my role I have to be concerned if workers cannot park in the morning and are late to work as a result."

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Pothole problems

THE A509 has been named one of the worst roads for potholes in the country. Find out how many claims were made by drivers as a result at **www.mkweb.co.uk**.

Hurricane help

PUPILS at Monkston Primary School have raised £474 to help people in India whose lives have been devastated by Hurricane Hudhud.

Appeal after burglary

A WOMAN is appealing for help finding her stolen laptop, which contains the only photographs she has of her late husband and mother. More at **mkweb.co.uk**.

Robber hits worker

A SHOPWORKER has spoken exclusively to MK NEWS after he was beaten up by a man during a robbery at Budgens.

Mesam Haider said he is still in pain following the incident at 9.30pm on Thursday.

The 23-year-old was cashing up at the back of the shop in Grange Farm when a man pushed past one of his colleagues and demanded money.

"It all happened so quickly and he kept demanding money and started punching me," said Mr Haider. "After taking the till, he demanded more so I told him where more was – I pointed him there in the hope that the CCTV camera would catch his face."

While Mr Haider was being violently attacked, his female colleagues were watched by another man who was keeping guard. After stealing the cash both men ran away.

Mr Haider said the men were both black and muscular.

The first offender was 5ft 10ins and was wearing a light grey hooded top, jogging trousers and possibly Nike trainers. The second was 6ft and wore a blue tracksuit with white stripes on it and white trainers.

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An artist's impression: What the hotel is expected to look like and, *inset*, the run down area now

£7m scheme to revamp eyesore

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A MULTI-MILLION pound revamp is set to 'revitalise' an area once dubbed a run-down, uninviting ghetto, into a hub of activity.

Currently, the Theatre District is full of boarded-up clubs and restaurants and since opening in 1999, it has never been completed.

The £7million plans submitted to Milton Keynes Council include a new hotel, likely to be a Premier Inn, more retail and leisure developments, including music bar MK Social, and making the area more inviting to families. The proposals are for the southern end of the district, fronting Avebury Boulevard, and are designed to increase trade and boost local employment with more than 100 jobs.

Sara Mills, the district's marketing manager said: "Over the past three years the owners UGS MK Ltd have committed considerable time and resource to understanding the possible scope for improvements. They are now progressing these plans to revitalise the area through both refurbishment and additional development.

"The aspiration is to reposition the area in a way that complements rather than conflicts with the rest of the city centre. This means shifting the emphasis away from a focus on nightlife and towards a family-friendly destination with increased daytime activity."

Councillor Rob Middleton, cabinet member for resources, efficiency and growth, said: "For too long now the Theatre District has been in a less than ideal state and I welcome the new investment plans, which will hopefully bring more jobs and investment for the economy. The plans will make it a better place for people to enjoy and have some fun."

MK1 plans submitted

A NEW building at MK1 Leisure Park in Bletchley could offer new leisure or retail facilities.

A screening option request has been submitted to Milton Keynes Council for the proposed building, which could be used for either retail, financial and professional services, a restaurant, public house, or a takeaway.

The request, which comes before a formal planning application, also suggests there could be provision for 161 car parking spaces, a further 10 bays for the disabled, with two areas for cycling and motorcycle parking.

It would be shared with the adjacent IMAX cinema and restaurant development at the site next to stadiummk.

What do you want at MK1? Email letters@mk-news.co.uk

MK Decides. . .
The best place for sausages

PALMERS has been named the best place for sausages by the readers of www.mkweb.co.uk.

The Bletchley-based butchers eclipsed the rest of the competition with more than 110 votes.

Manager Keith Burgess, 54, said: "It's all about the quality, they need decent meat."

Sausages are the shop's biggest seller and Keith added: "People ask for different mixes, if they sell we keep them, if not we stop."

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Residents warn of cash swindle

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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RESIDENTS who have lent more than £20,000 to a 'friend' in Bletchley are warning others to be on their guard.

They claim the man has gone into hiding after they lent him the money following 'sob stories' about how he needed the cash to pay his bills, for his business and to help his mother.

It is alleged one woman is owed £13,000 after she was targeted after her husband died.

Two of his victims have since reported him to police, who have passed the matter on to the Fraud Investigation Squad.

One of them, Tony Manni, who owns entertainment venue Walton Hall, has told MK NEWS he was 'foolish' to lend £3,000 to the man from Bletchley and has taken out a County Court Judgement against him.

He said: "He has borrowed money from myself, old-aged pensioners and widows by giving them a sob story to get them to lend him money.

> It's a despicable way of treating old-aged pensioners, knowing you are not going to give it back
>
> **Tony Manni**

"This is a despicable way of abusing old aged pensioners knowing you are not going to give it back.

"I gave it to him and I am a fully grown man so I will take my losses, but other people are not in the same position as myself.

"I have been taken for a fool and I just don't want him to try it on with others."

Another victim, who wanted to remain anonymous, lent the man more than £2,000.

He said: "It's not just about the money, but how he ignored us and approached two widows when they were really down.

"He owes me more than £2,000 and I don't think any of us will ever see a penny.

"He is hiding somewhere, maybe at his girlfriend's house, as his curtains are always closed.

"I helped him and this is the way he treats us."

MK NEWS has tried to contact the man in question on numerous occasions by phone and visited his house but he has not responded to any of our questions.

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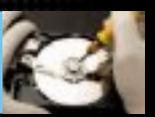

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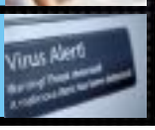

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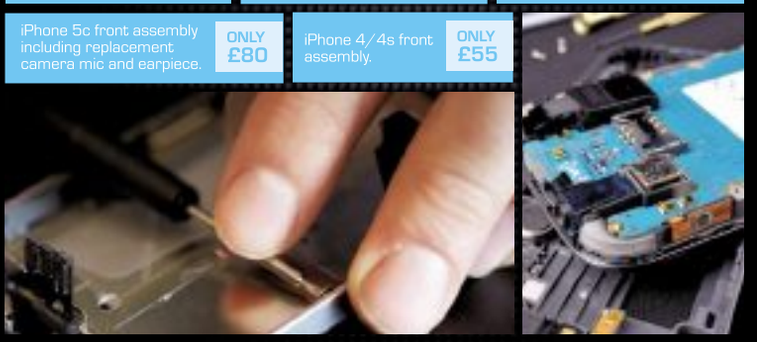

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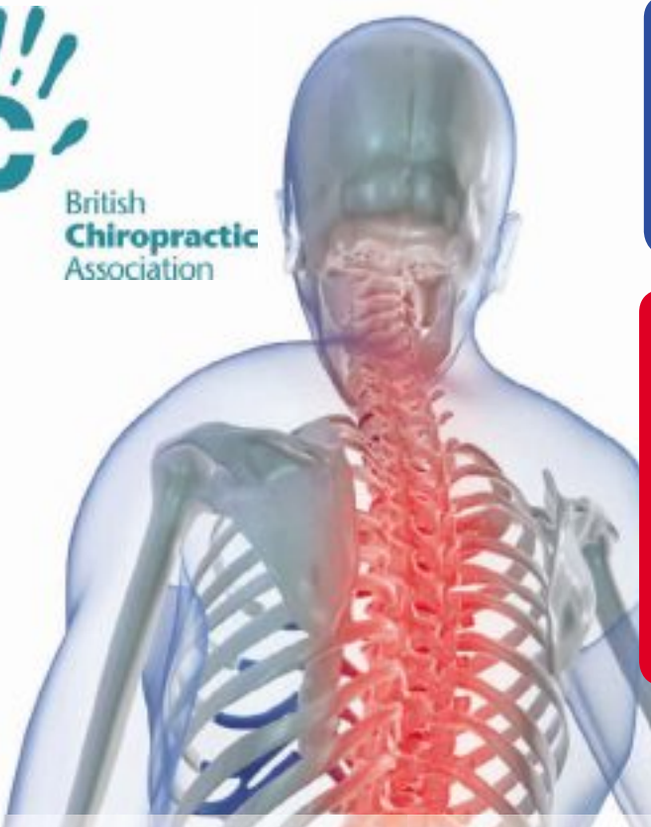

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‘Shocking’ pay at pump charge

Taking part: Contestants Lynne Bennett and Pamela Liasliaskos

Beauty pageant

A RESIDENT has organised an over-50s beauty pageant to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The event on November 28 will take place in The Club House at Emerson Valley Rugby Pavilion. Tickets are £12.50 in advance. Find out how to book at **www.mkweb.co.uk/news**.

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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AN UNKNOWING customer has paid for a stranger’s fuel after using the pay at pump facility at a garage in the city.

Phil Brogan filled up his car at the Shell garage in Stacey Bushes but when he went to pay was told his diesel had already been paid for.

He said: “After filling up with £61 worth of diesel I went in to the kiosk to pay to be told I had already paid for my fuel at the pump.

“It emerged that there was a problem with the pay at pump facility and that it had actually kept the details from the card used by the person on the pump before me.

“So some poor unsuspecting soul has had £61 taken from their hard-earned money for someone else’s fuel.”

Mr Brogan still paid for his fuel but was shocked to discover staff would not be able to refund the pay at pump victim.

“The staff said that had it been a company card they could make contact, but as it was a personal card they would have to wait for the person to notice that they had been billed for extra fuel,” added Mr Brogan.

“In an age of ever-growing electronic transactions I cannot believe that they were unable to put the money straight back to the customer’s card or contact the card supplier.

“Even more shocking was that another member of staff, putting out cones to isolate the offending pump, informed me that they often have these problems with this pump.

“How many more customers have paid for someone else’s fuel?”

A spokesman from Shell told MK NEWS they were unable to comment as the issue had not been logged and they had not received any complaints.

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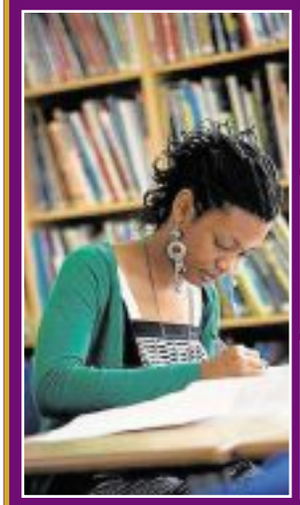

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It will be free to visit the truck from noon to 8pm.

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Reader Sara Dokhan said: "It finally feels like Christmas."

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Readers sent in pictures of remembrance services from across the city – which were particularly poignant as it is 100 years since the start of the First World War.

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City saddles up

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It is the first time the event has been held outside mainland Europe and it is expected to generate £5million for the city's economy and could be broadcast to an international audience of millions.

The British Cycling National Trophy will also be held at the specially designed Campbell Park track the following day.

But what is cyclo-cross? Here we give you a beginner's guide to the sport.

The track

CYCLO-CROSS is a form of bicycle racing which takes place around a track.

Races typically take place in the autumn or winter and the race usually lasts an hour, plus a lap.

The Campbell Park course is 2.6km.

Cyclo-cross tracks usually consist of natural obstacles such as pavements, wooded trails and steep hills, meaning cyclists have to quickly dismount their bikes to negotiate them.

The bike

RIDERS on cyclo-cross bikes are usually in a more upright position than their counterparts in other cycling sports.

The bikes are similar to ones used for road racing as they are lightweight, with narrow tyres and a handlebar that drops down. They need to be lightweight because competitors sometimes have to carry bikes up slopes.

But they also have mountain bike characteristics, mainly involving the tread on the tyres and the disc brakes.

HAVE YOU BEEN CAUGHT OUT BY THE PENSIONS MINEFIELD?

When so called pensions simplification was introduced by the government in 2006 I rather cynically stated that this was code for tax raising. Unfortunately I was proven right!

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Be it the Lifetime Allowance limit, the Annual Contribution limit, The Income Tax charge on death, whatever the issue there is a potential minefield out there for the unwary. Pension rules are now more complicated than ever. So much so that is very easy to get caught out by the new rules and face an unwanted high tax charge and potential penalties. The problem is that the taxes and penalties can be eye-wateringly high.

Let me illustrate this with some examples.

We had a client, John, who was in the fortunate position of being able to pay £50K into his pension annually when the annual contribution limit was £50K. Unfortunately, the rules changed so that instead of his contributions being based on the pension scheme year end it was changed to coincide with the tax year end unless he made an election to retain the pension scheme year end basis. He didn't realise the rules had changed which resulted in an overpayment into his pension scheme of £50K. Ouch!

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So be aware of the traps for the ignorant!

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WE'VE been inundated with letters after last week's parking story. Here's some readers' views. Send yours to letters@mk-news.co.uk

I HAVE read the article in last week's MK NEWS and wanted to give you my feedback.

I have worked in CMK for more than 12 years now and in the last 12 months have found parking becoming a bigger problem every day.

I start work at 9am and have found myself coming into work between 8am and 8.20am to ensure I have a purple space close to work.

I have found myself parking a good 10-minute walk away if I get here around 8.30-8.45am. After this time you are lucky to even get a space.

Now that the clocks have also gone back it has been getting dark early and I am terrified walking to my car when it's not close.

At 5pm there are a lot of people walking around but if your car is far away you find yourself walking alone down dark streets.

At times I have used my lunch hour to find another space closer but it's not always possible and has meant spending 30 minutes or so looking for parking.

Due to the parking issue I have asked to amend my working hours and it has been declined so if Milton Keynes Council is able to assist with sorting out the parking problems that would be great.

While not being able to locate spaces I have heard a number of people park outside the college to receive two hours free and then move their car later in the day. I have also found a lot of people are parking in nearby estates like Oldbrook and Bradwell and walking over to work.

I think reducing the red bays to the purple rate may help a little, but I don't think this will solve the problem. There just is not enough spaces.

The ideal situation for Santander staff in my mind would be to build upwards on the multi-storey car park to accommodate more staff, but again this would not solve the problem with MK parking as a whole. Action needs to be taken.

Millie Wadhwani
Sent via email

I AGREE with the comments raised in MK NEWS.

The availability of purple parking spaces after 8.30am is becoming increasingly scarce and with the run-up to Christmas I do not see this easing. As an employee of a large company in MK I know of many colleagues who are having to park further and further away from our place of work. I start work at 9.30am as I have children to drop off at school and in recent weeks have even had to resort to parking in red bays as I cannot find a purple one to park in.

This is a huge disadvantage to working parents who want to see their child safely at school before starting work.

There are unused open areas in MK which could be used to facilitate lower cost parking, perhaps these could be opened up to cope with the pressure on parking in the run up to Christmas? In particular I am thinking of the one adjacent to the Jaipur restaurant.

Hayley Flack
Sent via email

I'VE been working in MK for seven years and parking has always been an issue, but it has got particularly bad in the last 12-18 months.

You had to get into work before 9am to ensure you got a parking space but more recently the time has been

8.30am and currently it's getting closer to 8am.

I'm not sure what part-time workers do as it's becoming increasingly difficult to find parking near the building and the situation has got particularly bad since the Network Rail building has opened up (despite it having its own parking).

There are a lot of premium-rate spaces available (very rarely used) and one thing the council could do is convert these to standard-rate spaces as if the situation continues, there is a high risk of employers considering moving their staff to other locations, which would be disastrous for the local economy and add to the increasing number of vacant buildings already within MK.

The council MUST take positive action ASAP

Sheraz Amin
Sent via email

I CURRENTLY live several miles outside Milton Keynes with limited access to public transport due to my rural location, but I do commute by car on a daily basis to my office in Milton Keynes.

In order to get a parking space I leave home at 6.30am to ensure I arrive on or before 8am and secure a standard rate bay.

Over the last year I have noticed a significant increase in early starters securing standard rate bays bringing the time for securing such a bay much earlier for others.

Having worked in Milton Keynes for 30 years, I have steadily seen a decline in the number of spaces available at a standard rate price (that were originally free) and I have seen my working day increase by well over an hour to take into account the earlier start I need to make.

Moreover, gone are the days I was able to drive to the city centre at lunchtime and participate in some retail therapy. It is now more than 18 months since I have visited the Milton Keynes shopping centre, such is my reluctance to move my car at lunchtime, knowing that the only available spaces when I return will be premium rate bays where neither scratch-cards or parking permits are valid.

If Milton Keynes wishes to encourage businesses to remain in MK and for the shopping centre to thrive then it must reconsider its approach to parking.

Throughout the day I see a huge percentage of premium rate bays being unoccupied (or occupied for a very short time) yet employees of businesses who have already paid for their parking, either via scratch cards or parking permits, are unable to park in these unoccupied premium rate bays – why?

Anne Jacobs
Sent via email

I AM writing further to your article on the parking problems in Central MK.

I am paid to work from 9am, however, I begin work each day at 8.30am because if I arrive after this time there are no purple parking spaces left.

If something isn't done more people will arrive earlier and there will be no spaces left at 8.30am and we will have to arrive at 8am. Where will it end?

Andrew Shenton
Sent via email

THE parking in MK is terrible, there are simply not enough spaces.

I work in MK and have a daily commute from Leicestershire. I have to travel down the M1 and unfortunately accidents are frequent and there are regular delays, which impact my journey. As soon as there is a delay I start to sigh as I know in the back of my mind that if I arrive after 8.30am I simply will not be able to park.

In one instance when I arrived late I was driving around for 45 minutes until I found an available space, which is ridiculous.

Given the demand of parking clearly outweighs the supply I would have thought the council would be proactive in addressing this, especially as we have the privilege of having to pay for a parking space.

Luke Parker
Sent via email

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MK NEWS and MKWeb have launched a new campaign to give students a High Five for their achievements.

We are asking schools to share their news and pictures and give their pupils a High Five for their hard work.

So far we have celebrated the first graduation for Higher Education students at MK College, success for pupils from Slated Row, Shenley Brook End and Portfields schools at a mini Paralympics, and Queen Eleanor Primary's food journey around Wolverton Tesco.

We also plan to roll High Five out to businesses, community groups and sports clubs.

Clockwise from top: Queen Eleanor at Wolverton Tesco, a pupil runs to the finish line and the MK College students' graduation

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Proud: Mother-of-four Gem Newby with her son Benji Bateman who is one of the child stars in the Debenhams Christmas advert

Benji is a TV star

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A SIX-YEAR-OLD city boy is starring in the Christmas advert for a major department store – despite having a condition that causes him to faint.

Benji Bateman, from Old Stratford, can be seen whizzing around on a scooter in the advert for Debenhams, which was first aired on ITV during the X Factor on Saturday night.

Benji's mum Gem Newby has told MK NEWS Benji also features in the extended version of the advert, due to be screened from November 24, where he plays a jumper monster dressed in one of the store's big woollies.

He was chosen to feature in the advert after his uncle Steven Bateman, who works for Debenhams, put his name forward and he impressed producers at the London audition.

"Me and his dad are so proud of him" said Gem.

"Benji is so laid back and isn't really bothered by the fame. The morning the advert went online we woke him up to watch it and his response was 'yeah it's alright'.

"But when he went to the park with his dad Steve and was told off for being naughty, Benji said the police won't arrest him because he is famous now."

He is currently being treated at the John Radcliffe Hospital for vasovagal syncope (common faint) which causes him to collapse and is triggered by different things.

Gem added: "Benji knows when it is going to happen and he is a tough cookie.

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Bailey will perform

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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CITY star Bailey McConnell will perform at the first ever Central Milton Keynes lights switch-on.

As the countdown continues, Milton Keynes City Centre Management (MKCCM) has announced heartthrob Bailey will give a morning performance.

At 11am on Saturday, November 22, the festivities will begin with acts and competitions in the horseshoe area outside intu Milton Keynes, hosted by community radio station MKFM.

Inside the shopping centre there will be activities and workshops throughout the day with little helpers from Gulliver's Land and Milton Keynes Theatre. Children can even stop off and write their letter to Santa.

Just after 4pm the annual parade will start around intu Milton Keynes, with more than 30 mascots leading the way as the procession heads around the centre and back to the stage for the final performances before the big light switch-on.

The switch-on by stars of Milton Keynes Theatre's pantomime Peter Pan will be followed by a stunning laser and pyrotechnic display.

To 'wow' MK: The Full Effect's previous show, Classical Spectacular, at The National Bowl

MK NEWS spoke exclusively to the team behind the event's lights and laser show who are known for their extravagant displays and having worked with superstars including Lady Gaga, Rhianna, Calvin Harris and Adele.

Dan Briggs, the 'laser man' from The Full Effect, said: "We treat all jobs the same, whether celebrities or not, and give the best display possible to make sure we always have a big impact on the spectators. With the laser shows there is something about them that is indescribable. The lasers can be seen

TIMES AND PLACES

- **11am:** Activities inside intu Milton Keynes
- **4.10pm:** Christmas parade starts near Superdry
- **4.40pm:** Panto stars Peter and Wendy appear with Santa
- **5pm:** Official count down to lights switch-on

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at lights switch-on

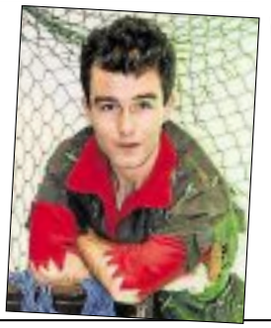
Above: Bailey McConnell
Below: Panto stars Peter played by George Ure and Victoria Tyrell, aka Wendy

from 20 miles away."

Mark Harrison, director of The Full Effect, added: "We really want to wow Milton Keynes.

"We will be pulling out all the stops for this show as a taster for next year, which we hope to be even bigger and better."

Melanie Beck, city centre manager for MKCCM, has promised readers of **www.mkweb.co.uk** a sneak preview of the light display soon.



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Gritters gear up for the winter weather

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THE highways team at Milton Keynes Council has assured residents it is 'well prepared' ahead of winter.

The gritting season has begun and although milder temperatures are expected this winter the council is still taking precautions.

Until April the team will be monitoring the weather using information from three weather stations in Astwood, near Chicheley, Campbell Park and Bow Brickhill.

If frost, ice or snow is forecast, Highway Services and the new highway contractor Ringway will respond by salting the priority routes – grid roads, estate spine roads, rural roads and bus routes.

Salt bins have also been placed around the city, with 426 available for the community to spread salt themselves.

Cllr Mick Legg, the cabinet member for highways, said: "We've done a lot to improve the quality of the road surfaces over the last year so we're well prepared."

Showing some grit: The council is 'well prepared' for the cold

SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT GRITTING

- Approximately 2,500 tonnes of salt are spread on Milton Keynes roads during an average winter
- 670km of roads are salted on each occasion
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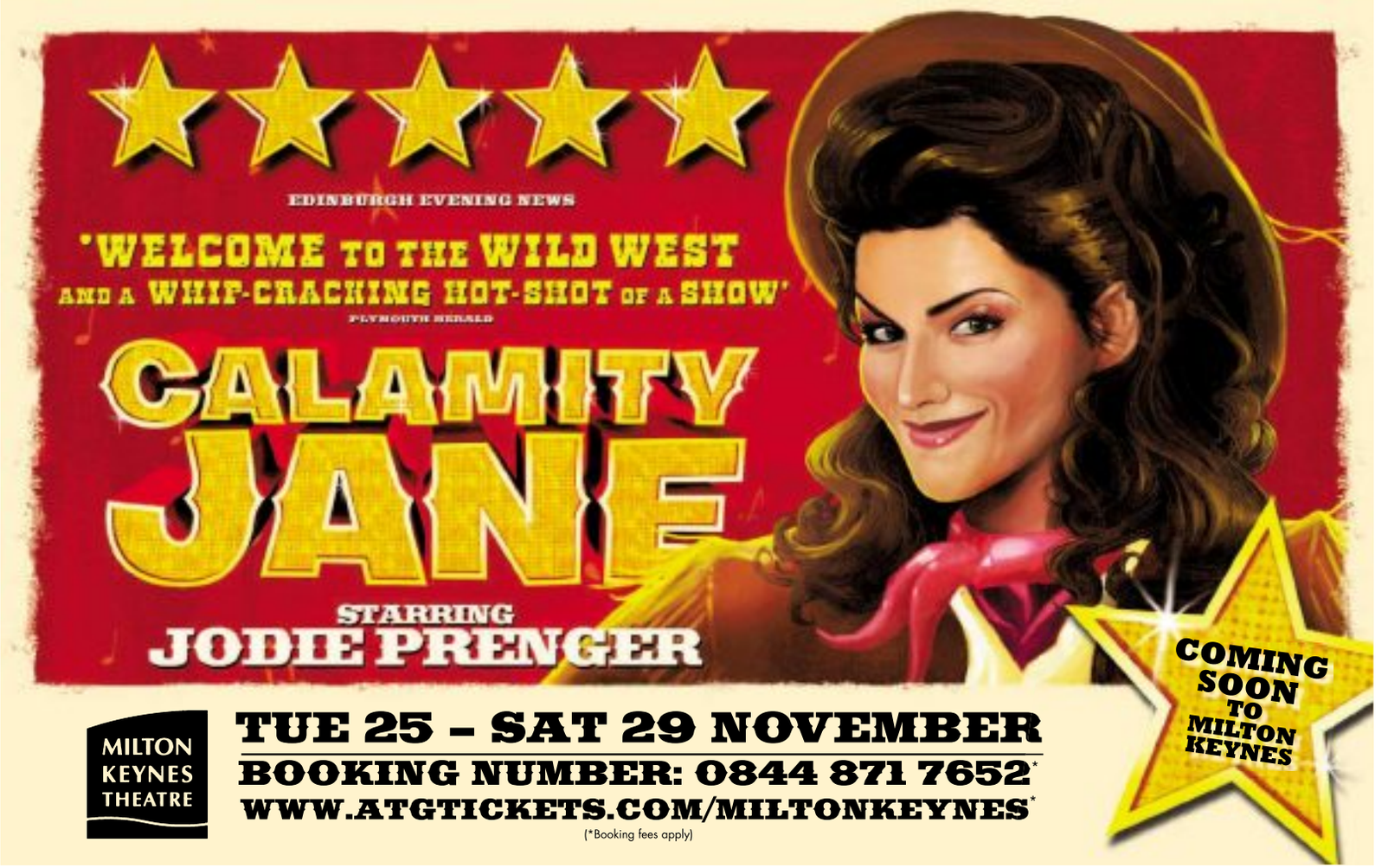

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Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 13th November at 6.30pm

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"An Outstanding School"
(Ofsted, May 2009)

"A Teaching School"
(Ofsted, July 2011)

Denbigh School has a purpose built Sixth Form Centre including a new computer room, social space and an excellent study area. There are approximately 400 Sixth Form students who thrive within their innovative learning environment at the School and its commitment to excellence is recognised by Ofsted who rate Denbigh as "Outstanding".

Teaching School Status has been awarded to Denbigh which provides recognition of being one of the best schools in the country for teaching and learning. Recent accreditation has been gained as a SCITT (school centred initial teacher training) provider and Denbigh has been selected as one of only 32 schools nationally to become the lead school for one of the new 'Maths Hubs' set up under a government programme to improve the teaching of mathematics across the country.

The School combines the very highest of academic standards with a wide range of enrichment opportunities such as World Challenge, Duke of Edinburgh, European work experience, debating contests and regional/national competitions. Doors open at 6.30pm and the evening will include a programme of activities running until 9.30pm. Presentations by the Headteacher and the Director of Sixth Form will be made at 7.00pm and 8.00pm. Visitors should attend one of these presentations and during the evening there will be the opportunity to meet subject specialists.

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For further information on the Sixth Form please contact:

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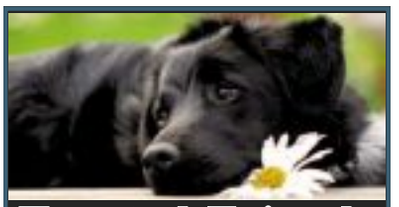

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An 80-mile trek to help Ebola victims

BY NISHA MAL
editor@mk-news.co.uk

TWO brothers will walk from Olney to Big Ben to raise money for families affected by the Ebola crisis.

Glenn and Aidan Selwood, who originally hail from the town, will be walking 80 miles from St Peter's and St Paul's Church to the London landmark.

All the money they raise from their arduous trek will go to the village of Newton in Sierra Leone, a place where the contagious virus has hit hard.

Glenn visited the country just after its civil war ended 10 years ago and felt compelled to help out once again.

He said: "When people see the Ebola outbreak on the news it's difficult for them to see exactly what it means.

"But I know these families and I've met these people so it means so much more to me.

"I remember one family, who had next to nothing, offered me lunch and they had barely anything to give."

Glenn, 27, who now lives in Bedfordshire and Aidan, 25, who has relocated to Downhead Park, will carry out their walk within a weekend, starting on Friday, November 21 and following the Grand Union Canal route.

A step ahead: Aidan and Glenn Selwood are walking the 80 miles from Olney to Westminster to raise money for Ebola aid in Africa

They will walk throughout Saturday, stay overnight in a hotel and finish the journey on Sunday.

Aidan said: "This is the first time I have done anything like this and I'm excited.

The cause is very close to our hearts and my mother is always posting stuff on Facebook about the Ebola outbreak."

The brothers are raising money alongside the Olney-Newton Link charity, which works closely with the village.

Glenn added: "I'm looking forward to the challenge but I'm not looking forward to the damage it'll do to my feet."

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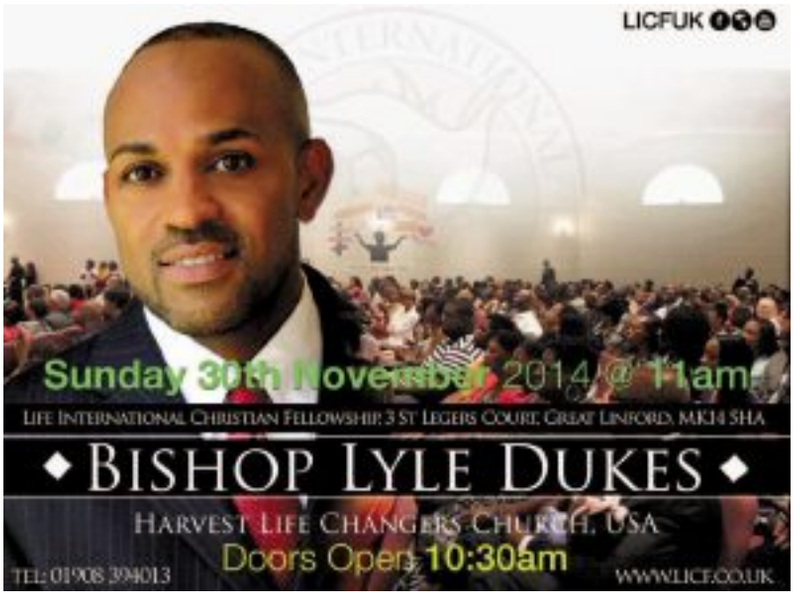

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MK News Hooks up with the city's scariest villain

THERE are some actors who have it all – fantastic stage presence, a rich and powerful voice, amazing looks and a natural way with a hook.

Come on, if you're playing JM Barrie's super villain, Peter Pan's terrifying adversary, says JUDY RILEY, you have to know how to handle a hook!

David Bedella may still only be getting used to not having the use of his left hand but, having not only created the part of Satan in Jerry Springer – The Opera, but also having won the 2004 Lawrence Olivier Award for Best Actor in a Musical for it, handling a sharp and shiny prothesis should be all in a day's work.

David has made a name for himself playing villains (he's generally recognised as being the best ever Frank-N-Furter in The Rocky Horror Show).

He looks wonderful and just a little scary as Peter Pan's 'dark and sinister' adversary.

"Oh, thank you," says David with such charm that I'm immediately...hooked.

"But surely not so scary. I don't think the kids will be scared," he purrs.

So what's the secret to being a good panto baddie?

"OMG it absolutely comes down to having fun doesn't it?

"And if you have fun, the audience is having fun. I've enjoyed my time in panto, and I'm looking forward to having a great time in Milton Keynes."

Last year you played Abanazar in Aladdin? Do you always play the villain?

"Ah, it is my lot in life. I tend to be the villain most of all."

Why do you think that is?

"I don't know" he says with touching, if not entirely convincing regret. "It must be the dark voice, the dark face, it's all there."

How tricky is it coping with the hook?

"I only have one hand free if I'm sword fighting. Haven't had much practise with it yet."

Is there a danger of accidents?

"I shall have to be on my guard. For sure there'll be no knitting."

What do you hope the audience will get from this version of the much-loved story of Peter Pan?

"I think there's going to be contemporary music, I'm going to be partnered with the boys from Flawless and I think there's going to be lots of fun and adventure.

"I think that's the main thing you get from Peter Pan, it ignites your imagination. And you chase that adventure."

Should we feel sorry for Captain Hook?

"Oh my goodness, yes!

"He wants everything that everyone else wants – he wants to be loved and he's chasing the wrong thing really 'cos he's a baddie.

"But we'll see what happens in the end because this is a very special and new Peter Pan. Ha-ha-ha!"

And with that he flashes those dark eyes and roars with wicked laughter!

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Cast flies in for panto rehearsals

IT'S exciting times next week as rehearsals for Peter Pan begin!

In the meantime, make sure you don't miss the cast while they're out and about over the next few weeks.

Check out Flawless performing on Friday, November 14 at 4.30pm at the centre:mk Christmas parade and the opening of Santa's grotto in the Land of MK Believe.

George Ure and Victoria Tyrrell (AKA Peter and Wendy) will switch on the new Milton Keynes lights.

The event will take place in Midsummer Boulevard, outside intu Milton Keynes, on Saturday, November 22 at 4.30pm. Plus, if you see our Peter Pan croc on your travels – make sure you tweet us pictures to @MKTheatre.

What's the best pirate joke?

AS THE countdown begins for Peter Pan we're swotting up on some of our favourite pirate puns! So here goes me hearties...

■ Why are pirates called pirates?

They just aRRRRRRRR

■ How much did the pirate pay for his peg-leg and hook?

An arm and a leg!

■ What did the sea say to the Pirate Captain?

Nothing, it just waved.

■ What is a pirate's favourite letter?

Most people think it's the 'R'rrrr, but it's the 'C' they love.

■ When's the best time for a pirate to buy a new ship?

When it's on sail.

If you have a favourite pirate joke share it with the crew of the Jolly Roger @MKTheatre #MKPeterPan.

You never know, your joke might end up in panto!

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Say hello to Father Christmas!

MEET Santa inside his magical Christmas grotto at the Land of MK Believe when it opens in the centre:mk.

The annual festive display returns to Middleton Hall by John Lewis from 9am on Friday.

Until Christmas Eve shoppers can enjoy the display, which includes stalls, a train and other entertainment.

Santa will arrive in the centre:mk at 4.30pm with stars from MK Theatre's pantomime including Flawless, who will put on a special performance.

To meet the man himself in his grotto costs £6.50 (including a gift). While they are there children can also enjoy a special Christmas craft experience with his elves, where they'll make their own wrapping paper and magical reindeer food to take away with them on the day.

Santa's arrival will be followed by the Cakes for Kids Guinness World Record attempt for the longest line of cupcakes.

The attempt is raising money for Children in Need, Leo's Appeal and Neve Lund, who suffers from cerebral palsy.

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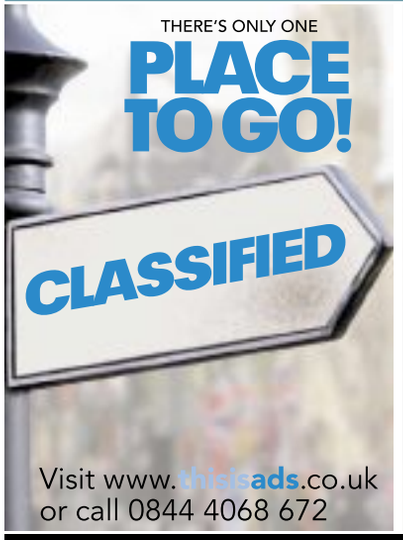

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Children from local schools (including Jubilee Wood, above) have visited MK Gallery and taken part in Quest storytelling and visual arts activities with professional artists Alex Evans and Sophie Bennett.

homegig

IT WILL be a case of home sweet home when Hacktivist take to the stage at the Craufurd Arms in Wolverton.

The Milton Keynes-based tech-metal-grime-rock hybrid released their new single, Deceive and Defy, on Monday.

Released as a download only on their own Wake To Reality label, Deceive & Defy follows the False Idols single released this summer to coincide with their main stage slot at Reading and Leeds festivals and is the latest track to emerge from the currently ongoing sessions for the band's debut full-length album.

They will showcase all their new material at the Wolverton pub from 7.30pm on Friday.

Tickets, costing £8, can be bought from www.thecraufurdarms.com

xmasdinner

IF YOU want a top Christmas dinner – but want to sit back and relax as it's made – then here's a prize that will interest you.

The Black Horse in Woburn has a special birthday in November – the pub's marking 10 great years with a month of birthday celebrations.

So why not join in the fun and help the pub celebrate in style?

It is celebrating by allowing one lucky MK LIFE reader the chance to bring along family and friends for a Christmas dinner worth £250.

Manager Ben Paul and his team are arranging some special 10th anniversary surprises for guests who pop in over the coming weeks, with birthday cake and bubbly as well as lots of exciting birthday treats.

They will also be asking people to recall the great moments they've had at the pub and share them as part of the celebrations on its Facebook page.

But to win that fabulous £250 dinner, simply answer the following question:

In which village is The Black Horse?

A) Fishermead
B) Coffee Hall
C) Woburn

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IF YOU'RE a Guardian news-paper reader, you'll know all about Police Dog Hogan.

You might not realise it, because the band is never mentioned by name, but this is the outfit that Guardian columnist Tim Dowling plays banjo for. And do you know what? They are really good! Rocking urban bluegrass with witty lyrics and great harmonies. Catch them live on November 25 at 8pm. Visit www.stables.org for more details.

operatictrio

DON'T expect a happy ending for Violetta, the 'tart with a heart', but this new production of Verdi's La Traviata got rave reviews when it opened at Glyndebourne's renowned summer festival earlier this year.

Mozart hadn't even turned 19 when the first performance of his opera, La Finta Giardiniera, was staged. It's not as well known as much of his work but the music is nevertheless dazzling and it's an entertaining mix of high comedy and serious drama.

If neither of those are your cup of tea how about a chilling tale for a dark November night?

Benjamin Britten's compelling adaptation of Henry James' novella, The Turn of the Screw, not only has ghosts, it suggests that there's an altogether more substantial evil lurking in the shadows.

MK Theatre will be alive with the sound of three top quality operas all next week. Details at atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes

THERE'S every reason to continue to get out and about in the parks this autumn. Martin Kincaid, biodiversity officer at The Parks Trust, provides a guide to some of the best places to go wildlife spotting

IF YOU want to go minibeast hunting discover the insects and invertebrates at Stonepit Field in Great Linford.

The site has a variety of habitats including large ponds and woodland.

At this time of year check under bark, leaves and fallen wood for beetles and spiders.

Lakes such as North Willen and Caldecotte are at their best in winter when large numbers of wildfowl such as goldeneye, goosander and pochard join our native species.

One of the great seasonal natural wonders is large flocks of starlings, known as murmurations, and there have been some fantastic displays at North Willen Lake. Try watching from in front of the Peace Pagoda about half an hour before sunset.

Numbers usually peak at around the end of November.

Finally, there are two bird watching hides at Stony Stratford Nature Reserve in Ouse Valley Park and there are lots of good sites for bats around Milton Keynes – Linford Manor Park is one of the best.

comedycapers

SUNDERLAND psychic Ian D Montfort provides two Comedy Cow shows for the price of one on Friday, November 21.

Montfort is a character created by Tom Binns and the audience can expect excellent tricks as well as a good laugh.

One-line comedian Paul James will be the compere and he will have his audience reeling from his first joke to the last. Ivan Brackenbury will also bring his daft, inept, yet ultimately adorable 'Hospital Radio Roadshow' to the Comedy Cow as well, complete with inappropriate records and bungled cues.

Tickets for the 8.15pm gig, at the red dot bar, stadiummk at 8.15pm, cost £10 and are available at www.ticketsource.co.uk

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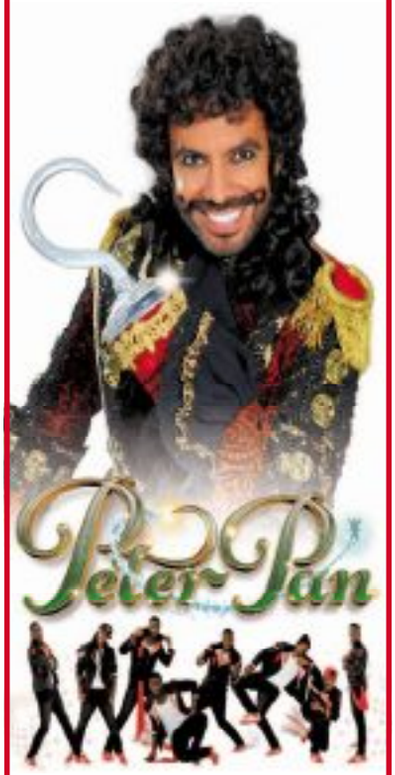

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The story is set against the colourful Day of the Dead and ramps up the vibrancy as we follow Manolo into the magical worlds of the afterlife. The unique visuals are bursting with never-ending colours in a style that is both fresh and unusual.

It's just a shame that the story is too predictable and simply falls flat without doing the characters any justice. The film sadly fails to deliver a moral to the story and by guaranteeing everyone a happy ending we stop caring about the characters.

Fortunately, the flimsy story can't detract from this true work of art that is sure to keep the kids entertained.

★★★½☆

Rachael West

lightshow

FRED Roche Gardens will be illuminated on Saturday by local arts charity Inter-Action MK for its free Garden of Light event.

Funded by Community First, Garden of Light is a culturally inclusive celebration of light, bringing local schools and the community together from all over Milton Keynes.

The parade will meet at The Hub at 4pm, walking across to Fred Roche Gardens where there will be performances involving glow sticks and fire, music and interactive workshops until 8pm. More at **mkweb.co.uk**

greathomes

CURRENTLY in the throes of trying to buy a house, I've found that I'm watching quite a lot of property programmes, writes Scott Kirk.

George Clarke is one of my favourite presenters when it comes to this genre and I think he has great authority when presenting shows of this nature.

Being an architect himself, it's clear he knows what he's talking about in George Clarke's Amazing Spaces and I find his passion and enthusiasm for what he does infectious.

I find some of the things they do quite bizarre though.

I'm all for utilising space in as functional a way as possible, but living in a helicopter would never appeal to me.

George Clarke's Amazing Spaces is on Channel 4 every Thursday at 8pm.

Your essential guide to events big and small throughout Milton Keynes

MKlifeHOTPICKS

frostsfestival

DON'T miss Santa's arrival at Frosts Garden Centre in Woburn Sands on Saturday.

Following his magical arrival at 4pm, there will be a new laser light show. Children's tickets are £9.99 and they have to be accompanied by an adult, who can get in for £4.49.

Frosts' ice rink opens from November 29 and 45 minute sessions will be available. Tickets are £8.99, or £7.99 for under 16s.

Find out how to book tickets at **www.mkweb.co.uk**

jonrichardson

JON Richardson is getting ready to hit the road again with a new tour, Nidiot.

The perennial singleton and misanthrope is determined to become a more easygoing person for the sake of his friends and his future health. Go and find out whether a leopard can change its spots at MK Theatre on Sunday from 8pm. Tickets cost £23.40 from www.atgtickets.com

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barbershop

MILTON Keynes Ladies Barbershop Chorus will be holding a free four-week singing course on Thursdays, starting tomorrow.

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motownmad

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Get your tickets soon as Christmas nights at Wilton Hall are already selling out fast.

See Histville on December 21 from 7pm. Tickets cost £38 per person. Call 01908 372277 to book.

greatwar

NOT About Heroes is the extraordinary story of two of the Great War poets, Wilfred Owen and Siegfried Sassoon.

Through the letters and poems of these two men, Stephen MacDonald's play paints a vivid and moving picture of the conflict that brought them together. Tickets for the show, at Stantonbury Theatre on Wednesday at 7.30pm, cost £16 for adults and £14 for concessions. Call 01908 324466.

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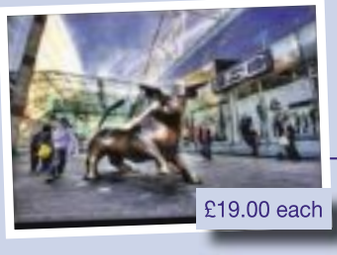

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PROPERTY NEWS

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The property offers versatile accommodation and has been much improved by the current owners to include a great open plan feel kitchen/dining area/lounge.

Approximately 12 miles from Central Milton Keynes, Buckingham is a vibrant small market town with the River Great Ouse winding through its centre.

This delightful town house is within walking distance of the town centre and the accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, downstairs cloakroom, utility room, family room, bedroom two on the ground floor.

On the first floor there is a kitchen, dining area and lounge, while the second floor boasts a master bedroom with en-suite, bedrooms three and four, and a family bathroom.

Outside there is a single garage with a driveway, front garden and a low maintenance courtyard rear garden. The property has an EPC rating of C.

The property is priced at £314,995. Call Inspired Sales & Lettings for more details, or to book a viewing, on 01908 690700.

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Looking for sought after school catchments? Then viewing of this well presented four bedroom link detached house is a must. The property is situated on the south east side of Milton Keynes and is situated on a popular residential area with good road links to Bletchley and Central Milton Keynes.

Wavendon Gate **£295,000**

A well presented link detached house located on the very popular area of Willen with lakeside walks just a short stroll away. The property offers good size accommodation to include a spacious L-shaped kitchen/diner and has local schools and shops in close proximity. Viewing is highly recommended.

Willen **Offers in Excess £275,000**

An executive home located within walking distance of the shopping centre, Xscape leisure complex, theatre district and train station. Set over three floors with spacious accommodation, the property has the added benefits of two balconies, a small private garden and access to a gated communal garden.

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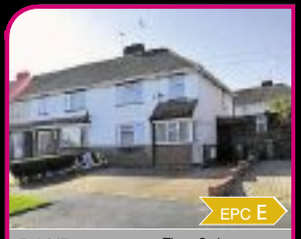

- End Of Terrace
- Lounge
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- Three Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Enclosed Rear Garden
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Bletchley **£215,000**

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- Balcony From Bedroom
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- Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
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- Viewing Recommended

Bradville **£269,950**

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- Four Bedrooms
- En-Suite
- Garage

Bletchley **£299,950**

- Executive Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Open Plan Living Area
- En-Suite To Master
- Internal Viewings Recommended
- Secure Entry
- No Above Chain

Bletchley **£170,000**

- Ground Floor
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- Good Size Bathroom
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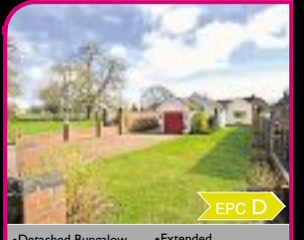

- Detached Bungalow
- Prime Location
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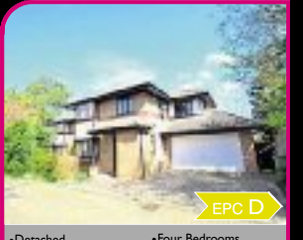
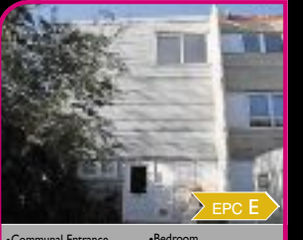
- Must Be Viewed

Bletchley **£380,000**



- Detached
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Three Reception Rooms
- Kitchen & Utility
- Four Bedrooms
- En-Suite To Master
- Family Bathroom
- Double Garage

Great Holm **£399,995**



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- No Above Chain

Netherfield **£65,000**

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Further information and an application form can be found on our website (**www.redborne.com**) or you can also obtain this information from Lou Ellis (Principal's P.A.) at the school.

Closing Date: Wednesday 19th November, 2014 at noon

Redborne is a successful school that achieves excellent examination results, with 97% of students gaining 5A - C grades at GCSE (typically over 65% including Math's and English). 'A' Level results are also very good with 56% of passes at 'A*', 'A' or 'B' grades and an overall pass rate of 99%. About 80% of the Sixth Form go on to university and this year 7 students got into Oxbridge and 2 others into Medicine and Veterinary Science. The school is well regarded and popular, situated in a very pleasant area of Central Bedfordshire, within easy reach of London. The school's most recent OFSTED report was excellent and we were graded as "outstanding". Redborne is also a National College Leadership Development School and a Leading Edge School.*

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33.75 hours per week, 40 weeks per year
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All information relevant to these posts, including further details and an application form can be found on our website www.sponne.org.uk Alternatively, please contact the Head's PA, Coral Bird, at the school.
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Closing date: 12 noon, Monday 24th November 2014

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Closing date for applications: 9.00am on Monday 24th November 2014.

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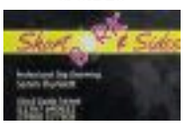

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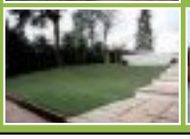

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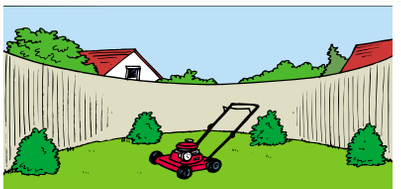

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MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL
LICENSING ACT 2003

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FULL VARIATION TO PREMISES LICENCE

NOTICE is hereby given that: Mr Hamant Patel
Has applied to THE LICENSING AUTHORITY AT MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL for a Full Variation to the PREMISES LICENCE
At Nicky's Store, 103 Bradwell Road, Bradville, Milton Keynes, MK13 7AW
The following proposed full variation is to be made to the premises licence, including change of hours, licensable activities, addition/ removal of conditions etc:
Increase the sale of alcohol by one hour from 2200hrs until 2300hrs Monday to Sunday. Increase opening hours by one hour from 2200hrs until 2300hrs Monday to Sunday. Reword condition 2.3 to read 'Spirits will be kept behind the counter'
Full details of the application can be viewed via The Licensing Register at the Civic Offices of the Council. This is accessible Mondays to Thursday between the hours of 9am to 5pm, and Fridays 9am to 4pm (excluding bank holidays) or online at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/licensing
Any interested party (such as a resident or local business) or responsible authority wishing to make representations either against or in support of the application must do so in writing by: 1st December 2014
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Representations received in response to this review will ordinarily be made available for public inspection, including disclosure to the applicant and any relevant responsible authorities unless agreed otherwise. Representations must relate to one or more of the licensing objectives (namely crime and disorder, public nuisance, public safety, or protection of children from harm.) Individuals making a representation should live in the vicinity of the premise.
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To express an interest, please register on our electronic tendering system https://in-tendhost.co.uk/centralbedfordshire in order to view the necessary tendering documents and respond accordingly.

Closing Dates for expressions of interest: 12th December 2014

Public Notices

COMMONS ACT 2006 – SECTION 15(1)

Notice of an application for the registration of land as a Town or Village Green

To every reputed owner, lessee, tenant or occupier of any part of the land described below, and to all others whom it may concern.

Application has been made to the Milton Keynes Council, Synergy Park, Chesney Wold, Milton Keynes, MK6 1LY, by Andrew Stephen Humphries of 1 Castle Rose, Woughton Park, MK6 3BQ under section 15(1) of the Commons Act 2006 and in accordance with the Commons (Registration of Town or Villages) (Interim Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2007. The application seeks the inclusion in the register of town and village greens of the land described in the Schedule below which is claimed to have qualified for registration as a town or village green by Section 15(2) & by virtue of indulgence by a significant number of local inhabitants for lawful sports and pastimes, as of right, for a period over 20 years.

The application, which includes a plan of the land proposed for registration may be inspected at the following office, Rights of Way, Milton Keynes Council, Synergy Park, Chesney Wold, Bleak Hall Milton Keynes, MK6 1LY between the hours of 09.00 and 17.00.

If the registration authority is satisfied that the land described below qualifies for registration as a town or village green, it will so register the land.

Any person wishing to object to the registration of the land as a town or village green should send a statement of the facts on which the objection is based to Mr A Burton, Rights of Way Officer, Synergy Park, Chesney Wold, Bleak Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 1LY, on or before Tuesday 29th December 2014. Any representations that are to be taken into account by the Authority in reaching a decision on the application cannot be treated as confidential and will be copied to the applicant for comment and may be disclosed to other interested parties.

Date
Signed

Schedule

Description of the land claimed as Woughton playing fields, Woughton on the Green in the Parish of Old Woughton.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(FOOTPATH 50 (PART), HANSLOPE)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that because of the likelihood of danger to the public whilst the construction of a Solar Farm is being carried out, the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any access to or along part of Footpath 50, Hanslope. It is anticipated that the temporary closures will be in effect from 00:01am on 24th November 2014 until 23:00 pm 24th April 2015.

The affected length of Footpath is as follows:-

Footpath 50, Hanslope will be closed from Littlewood Farm, continuing for a distance of 1,100 metres in a north-westerly direction.

Whilst the temporary closure is in effect the alternative route will be via Bridleways 1 and 27 (north of footpath 50).

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order.

The closures and their alternative route will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected parts of the footpath.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 24th November 2014 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 6 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(THE REAR ACCESS ROAD OF BUCKINGHAM STREET (PART), WOLVERTON)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along that part of the rear access road of Buckingham Street, Wolverton from the access road at the rear of The Square (east side) to the eastern extremity of the rear access road in order to allow safe access to the water mains whilst essential repair works are carried out. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect on 26th November 2014 between the hours of 00:01am and 23:59pm.

There will be no alternative route whilst the closure is in effect.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of road.

All affected residents will be notified of the forthcoming closure at least one week prior to works taking place.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 26th November 2014 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 6 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The proposed length of road to be closed can be viewed at www.roadworks.org.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(THE REAR ACCESS ROAD OF CAMBRIDGE STREET (PART), WOLVERTON)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 11th November 2014 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along that part of the rear access road of Cambridge Street, Wolverton from its junction with Western Road to its junction with Furze Way in order to allow safe access to the water mains whilst essential repair works are carried out. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect on 17th November 2014 until 19th November 2014 between the hours of 00:01am and 23:59pm.

Whilst the above length of road is closed, the alternative route will be via Furze Way, Windsor Street and Western Road.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of road.

All affected residents will be notified of the forthcoming closure at least one week prior to works taking place.

The Order will come into operation on 17th November 2014 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 6 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The length of road to be closed can be viewed at www.roadworks.org.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(VARIOUS ROADS WITHIN CAMPBELL PARK, CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES AND NEWLANDS)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that because of the likelihood of danger to the public whilst the Cyclo Cross Event takes place, the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. It is anticipated the temporary closures will take effect between the hours of 00:01 am on Friday 28th November 2014 and 12:00 pm on Tuesday 2nd December 2014. The Order will affect all classes of vehicle and will have the following effects.

No vehicles shall be permitted to enter, proceed along or wait in the following lengths of road:-

- **Avebury Boulevard, Campbell Park** from its junction with Marlborough Gate to its junction with Overgate;
- **Silbury Boulevard, Campbell Park** from its junction with Marlborough Gate to its junction with Overgate,
- **Skeldon Gate, Campbell Park** its entire length;
- **Enmore Gate, Campbell Park** its entire length;
- **Overgate, Campbell Park** its entire length;
- **Marlborough Gate, Central Milton Keynes** its entire length (including the the link road between Bankfield Roundabout and the Xscape Complex, except for and access for Xscape maintenance vehicles);
- **Frobisher Gate, Newlands** from a point 160 metres west of its junction with V10 Brickhill Street continuing to its junction with the access road that links Frobisher Gate and Livinstone Drive.

The closure and any diversion routes will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

Warning signs shall be erected at the entrances to those parts of the roads to be closed, subject to the provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Access to properties in Campbell will be maintained at all times.

Access to the theatre multi-storey car park will be maintained at all times.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order except for emergency service vehicles, military vehicles being driven on operational duties, vehicles being used in connection with the organizing of the Cyclo Cross Event and Milton Keynes Council Salt spreading vehicles.

All affected frontages will be notified of the forthcoming closure at least one week prior to closure coming into effect.

The proposed Order will come into operation on Friday 28th November 2014 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 1 month or until the likelihood of danger to the public no longer exists.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The proposed road closures can be viewed at www.roadworks.org

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Rachael Kingsley
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The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73 **WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**

14/02409/FUL Variation of condition 2 to planning permission 13/01601/FUL to allow for caravan to remain on site due to property subject to probate at Westside Farm, 5 Westside Lane, Stoke Goldington Newport Pagnell

14/02259/FUL Installation of 2 condensers in recess to side elevation at Co Operative Society, Stanley Court, Olney

14/02303/FUL Erection of two detached houses with detached garages (resubmission of 14/01282/FUL) at 3 The Wharf, Great Linford

14/02316/TCA Notification of intention to crown lift two Cherry trees (T1 & T2) to remove all branches in contact with roof at The Fox And Hounds, 87 High Street, Stony Stratford

SECTION 67 & 73 **LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**

14/02299/FUL Installation of air source heat pump at Rectory Farm, Lower Weald, Calverton

14/02300/LBC Listed building consent for installation of air source heat pump at Rectory Farm, Lower Weald, Calverton

SECTION 67 & 73 **AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**

14/02418/TCA Notification of intention to remove Conifer hedge at 1 Park Road, Sherington

SECTION 67 **LISTED BUILDING**

14/02274/FUL Single storey ancillary accommodation, construction of swimming pool, garage and garden store at The Dove House, Turvey Road, Astwood

SECTION 67 **AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING**

14/02419/FUL Screen wall with electric gates for plots 8, 9 and 10 at 27 Little Stocking, Shenley Brook End

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
MAJOR

14/02210/MKCOD3 Two storey teaching block, single storey library and extensions to theatre and sports hall at Shenley Brook End School, Walbank Grove, Shenley Brook End

14/02264/FUL Single-storey reception building and new front of school fencing, two-storey classroom block to existing English teaching block, two-storey extension to existing sixth form building, single-storey changing rooms attached to existing sports hall and re-location of existing school cycle parking to new cycle parking area at rear garden site of existing bungalow with associated fencing at Ousedale School, The Grove, Newport Pagnell

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SECTION 73 **WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**

14/02206/FUL Conversion of school hall to one bedroom dwelling and erection of two storey building to rear comprising of 2 apartments at 32A High Street, Stony Stratford

14/02320/FUL Single storey rear extension at 53 Anson Road, Wolverton

14/02363/FUL Insertion of door and window to rear outbuilding (retrospective) at 17 Horsefair Green, Stony Stratford

SECTION 67 & 73 **LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**

14/02277/FUL Siting of a temporary marquee for a period of three months at Parkside House Hotel, Newport Road, Woughton On The Green

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
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14/02244/FUL Part-demolition, reclladding, extension to handover centre, development of replacement car servicing workshop, valet and car wash facilities, vehicle storage, office accommodation, reconfiguration of external car storage and car parking and ancillary works at Mercedes-Benz UK Ltd, Delaware Drive, Tongwell

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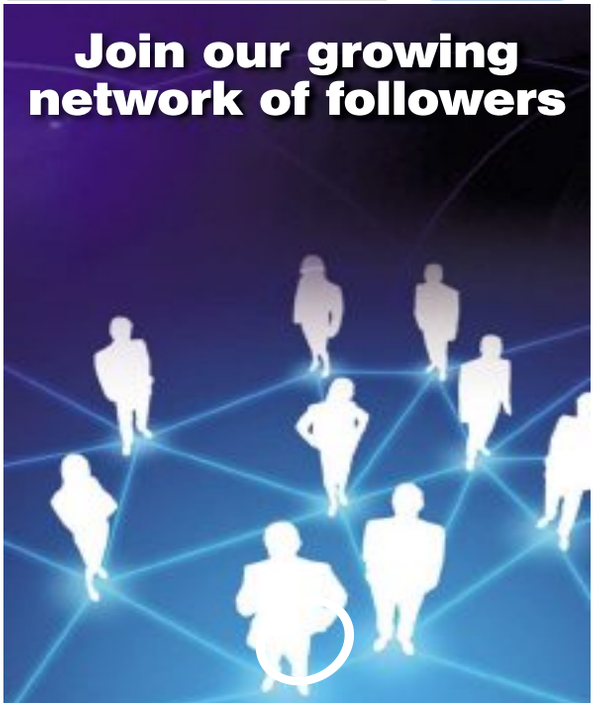

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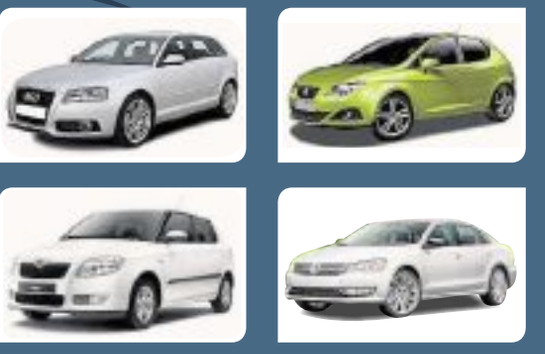

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DONS

Baldock ready to take on the world as he returns from injury

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DONS full back George Baldock couldn't be blamed for thinking the world was against him over the past few weeks.

Given his opportunity to stake his claim for the right back spot following Lee Hodson's injury against Chesterfield in August, Baldock faced the prospect of an extended run in the side to really stamp his authority on the position.

But disaster struck for him in the 3-2 defeat to Bristol City at the end of September when he suffered ankle ligament damage ten minutes into the game, and after 66 minutes he had to be replaced by Jordan Spence.

It was frustrating timing for the 21-year-old, but he returned to first-team training on Monday, and he is looking forward to fighting for his place in the team again, with Hodson also not far away from making a recovery.

"I had my first day of real contact training on Monday and I really enjoyed it," said Baldock.

"From what I hear from the physios most of the damage was done so I don't think I did myself too much more damage.

"Everyone here wants to get their chance in the team. They don't want their opposite number to get injured, they'd rather get in by training well and performing but I got my opportunity and I felt like the world was against me a little bit with the timing because I thought I was coming into some good form and I was making that position my own, I'd had a good spell.

"We had kept four clean sheets in a row while I was in the team and I was happy and more content with myself so I tried to stay mentally strong during this injury."

Baldock also feels there has been an element of fortune with the timing of the injury, as because of international matches, two Saturday games have been called off since he was sidelined, meaning that he has not missed as many games as he could have.

Road to recovery: George Baldock
Picture: Andy Handley

The team have coped with the loss of Baldock though, and Dons currently lie fourth in League One ahead of the latest international break coming up this weekend, which means no trip to Scunthorpe United.

Dons' form has been good, and the academy product says that being injured while the team is doing well is a lot easier than when the squad is struggling.

"When you can't contribute to the team all you want to see is your team win," he said.

"There's nothing worse than not being able to get involved and seeing the team not get the results because then you think about what you might do differently."

Baldock thinks that bringing in players such as Kyle McFadzean, Benik Afobe, Jordan Spence and Samir Carruthers this summer has had a positive effect on Dons.

"The team have carried on that momentum and I think that's a credit to the gaffer and the staff that they've built a squad this year," he said. "We can miss three or four key players and bring in others who are just as good at doing their jobs, which is brilliant.

"We're scaring teams this year and I don't think they've been expecting us to be this strong.

"We've brought in experienced players and that is all we needed for the final push, and so far it seems to be working."

MK Dons goalkeeping coach PAUL HEALD writes exclusively for MK News

I THINK we made hard work of it on Saturday against Port Vale, in the sense that talking to some of their supporters and staff, I think they were surprised that they were even in the game.

We were so much on top and to give away three silly goals like we did was frustrating.

We're progressing nicely but we want to make sure that if we score four goals we don't start leaking them at the back.

There will be games where we're not scoring four, so we want to be a little bit tighter at the back and get back to keeping clean sheets, which we've been good at up to now.

You can look at the draw for the second round in two ways – some people may say we could have had an easier draw than Chesterfield at home but I don't think there are any easy games in the FA Cup.

All teams are up for an FA Cup game and as we've seen already Coventry and Exeter have fallen to non-league teams so I think it can be easier to play against teams who are better or equal to you.

I'm quite pleased with Chesterfield because we've got to go into the game organised and focused and push on for a good result, especially at home.

We've had the success in the Capital One Cup and we want to try and do that in the FA Cup.

There's a chance of pulling a Premier League or Championship team in the third round and that's always got to be an incentive to do well.

Young keeper Charlie Burns is on loan at Truro City and he's worked extremely hard coming through his scholarship.

It's great to see it all coming together and he got a clean sheet on Saturday, making a couple of saves.

He's a young pro and it's about his match fitness so for him to play league games is massive.

MK DONS FIXTURES

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NOV 25 ROCHDALE (H) L1
NOV 29 COLCHESTER (H) L1
DEC 2 SHEFFIELD UNITED (A) L1
DEC TBC CHESTERFIELD (H) FAC2
DEC 13 PRESTON (A) L1
DEC 20 OLDHAM (H) L1
DEC 26 NOTTS COUNTY (A) L1
DEC 28 WALSALL (H) L1

ROWING

Race on the Thames

ABOUT 600 boats, including five crews from Milton Keynes Rowing Club, took part in the Fours Head of the River Race and the Veterans Fours Head of the River Race on the Thames in London.

The races run along the same course as the Oxford v Cambridge university boat race but in reverse, from Mortlake to Putney.

A women's four led by Chris Wilson and featuring Heidi Towse, Lindy Gray, Louisa Briar and Lucy Millett completed the tough 6.8km course, finishing third in their category on Saturday.

Just a day later for the Veterans race and a Masters B four of Towse, Louise Rivett, Briar and Suzanne De Maine, coxed by Jenny Searle, raced brilliantly to finish third in their category – only nine seconds behind the eventual winning crew.

Completing the success for the Milton Keynes women over the weekend was a Masters C Quad made up of Cath Keeling, Paula Heywood, Claire Lawson and Karen Wilson who finished fifth in their category .

Rob Heywood, Rod Bennett, Mike Arding and Steve Lawson had another good result for the club as they finished sixth in the Masters D Quad.

In the men's masters A Four, coxed by Chris Wilson, Phil Capp, Pete Cox, Steve Boughton and Nick Hughes finised sixth in their category.

RUGBY UNION

Bletchley's cup loss

A BREAK from league duties couldn't bring a change in fortune for Bletchley RFC as they were beaten in the Alan Grimsdell Bucks Cup quarter final.

Marlow inflicted a 23-17 defeat on the side currently bottom of the South West One East division.

Milton Keynes' tie against Amersham and Chiltern 2nds did not take place, meaning that MK's opponents were granted a walkover.

Olney did not have a game as High Wycombe had knocked them out of the cup in September.

Bletchley Ladies continued their impressive form this season with a 10-0 friendly victory over Tabard & Hitchin.

It gave Bletchley the opportunity to blood new players and give them some game time.

Bletchley took an early lead when the ball was passed out to Emma Taylor, who crossed for a try in the corner.

Hitards dug in from the restart, and both teams competed hard but it was 5-0 at half-time.

The second half began in much the same vein, and both sides gave as good as they got.

Just two minutes from the final whistle, Bletchley stole possession from a Hitards line out, put in a big drive for the line, and Claire Sutton finally managed to put the ball down to make sure of the win late on.

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

			Home					Away						
		P	W	D	L	GF	GA	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1	Bristol City	16	6	2	0	16	7	4	4	0	17	10	16	36
2	Preston	16	5	3	0	17	9	4	1	3	11	8	11	31
3	Swindon	16	4	3	1	18	11	4	2	2	14	8	13	29
4	DONS	14	5	1	1	17	7	3	2	2	12	9	13	27
5	Rochdale	15	3	2	3	10	6	5	0	2	19	9	14	26
6	Notts County	15	3	2	3	11	10	4	3	0	11	4	8	26
7	Peterborough	16	4	2	2	13	10	4	0	4	12	9	6	26
8	Sheff Utd	15	4	1	2	9	6	4	1	3	13	13	3	26
9	Oldham	16	5	2	1	14	9	1	5	2	9	9	5	25
10	Fleetwood	16	4	4	0	11	6	2	0	6	7	10	2	22
11	Chesterfield	16	3	3	2	11	10	2	2	4	12	14	-1	20
12	Barnsley	15	2	1	4	14	16	3	3	2	9	8	-1	19
13	Port Vale	16	3	2	3	13	12	2	2	4	9	12	-2	19
14	Bradford	16	2	1	5	9	13	3	3	2	11	9	-2	19
15	Crawley	16	4	1	3	8	12	1	3	4	7	13	-10	19
16	Walsall	16	3	3	2	9	5	1	3	4	5	11	-2	18
17	Doncaster	14	1	3	3	5	10	4	0	3	9	11	-7	18
18	Colchester	16	2	2	4	10	13	2	3	3	12	11	-2	17
19	Coventry	16	4	2	2	12	12	0	3	5	8	15	-7	17
20	Leyton Orient	16	0	3	5	6	13	3	4	1	11	9	-5	16
21	Scunthorpe	16	2	1	5	7	14	2	2	4	12	16	-11	15
22	Gillingham	16	3	3	2	9	8	0	2	6	5	14	-8	14
23	Yeovil	16	1	4	3	5	12	2	1	5	7	14	-14	14
24	Crewe	16	3	0	5	8	16	1	2	5	5	16	-19	14

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FORMULA ONE

Investigation launched

RED Bull Racing team principal Christian Horner says the team will investigate what caused Daniel Ricciardo's suspension to falter at the Brazilian Grand Prix on Sunday.

The Australian was in eighth position when the front left suspension began causing him problems, and he was forced to retire in the pits because of it.

But despite a difficult afternoon, Sebastian Vettel's fifth placed finish means that city based Red Bull have secured second spot in the constructors' championship – which isn't a bad achievement considering the dominance of Mercedes this season.

"It was a difficult afternoon," said Horner. "Sebastian unfortunately lost some time on the first lap, but thereafter he recovered very well through good strategy and pit work to get back up to fifth, which I think was the maximum at this circuit.

"With Daniel, unfortunately we had a front suspension issue, he thought it might be a front brake, but in the end it turned out to be the front suspension that had failed so we need to investigate what happened.

"Despite all that, we managed to secure second in the constructors' championship which, considering where we started the season, is a huge credit to the entire team for the fightback that we put up.

"We now look forward to the last race in Abu Dhabi."

For Ricciardo, it all amounted to a 'boring' race as he watched his Formula One colleagues fight it out.

"When I went into turn one, the car went to the right and I knew there was a problem," he said. "I came into the pits and the team told me it was suspension failure and we retired.

"It had been a bit of a boring race, we were close to everyone but not close enough to have many fights; I would have liked to have had a bit more fun, but it didn't really happen.

"It's a shame, but I had a pretty good run until now, so I can't be too greedy.

"It would be good to finish on the podium at the final race of the season."

Sao Paulo: Sebastian Vettel exits the Interlagos pits at the Brazilian Grand Prix

ICE HOCKEY

Lightning ready for Swindon revenge mission

MK LIGHTNING have the opportunity to make amends for Sunday's shoot-out defeat to Swindon Wildcats when they travel to the south-west this weekend.

Lightning got off to a slow start against the Wiltshire club when they went two goals down within the first period, but they fought back to level at 2-2 and take the match into a shoot-out.

However, Wildcats prevailed, and MK head coach Nick Poole is looking forward to righting the wrongs of the game.

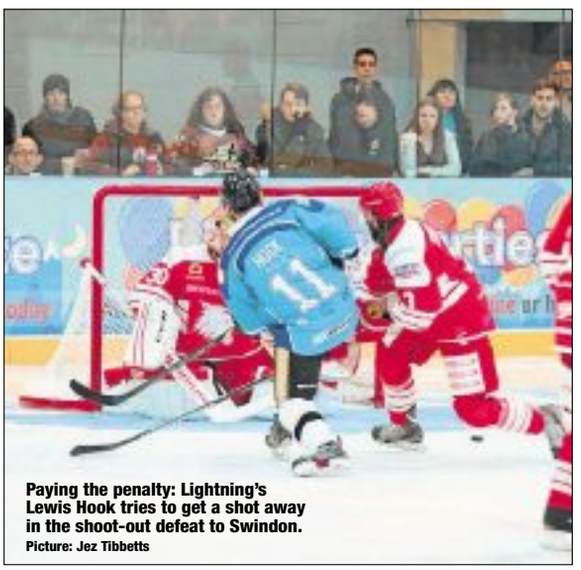
"I'm really pleased that we're going to Swindon on Sunday because we owe them," said Poole.

"It's an opportunity to put things right and the guys will be very keen to do that."

Before the Swindon trip, Lightning entertain big-spending table toppers Telford Tigers this Saturday, and Poole is expecting a tough game despite the fact that he should have a fully fit squad to choose from.

"We know Saturday will be a real test," said Poole.

Lightning were also beaten at Basingstoke Bison this Saturday and the double English Premier League setback means their recent run of good form has been brought to a halt.



Paying the penalty: Lightning's Lewis Hook tries to get a shot away in the shoot-out defeat to Swindon.
Picture: Jez Tibbetts

They trailed by three goals to Bison before staging a third period fightback, but they failed to get the match tying goal and Basingstoke won 3-2.

The city team were without the injured Ross Bowers and Jordan Cownie in Hampshire, plus the suspended Chris Wiggins.

Blaz Emersic bagged a brace after Lightning had gone three goals down, but Bison held on to secure the victory.

The next day Lightning were second best in the opening period against Swindon at MK Arena when they went two goals behind.

Poole's men stepped up the pressure in the third period as Leigh Jamieson was switched to partnering Milan Kostourek and Adam Carr, and the latter scored.

Stan Lascek scored the equaliser on the powerplay after Lightning had brought goalie Stephen Wall off, but Aaron Nell scored the only goal of the shoot-out to win it for Swindon.

Lightning are seventh in the league ahead of the weekend's games.

Meanwhile, MK Thunder made it four victories in a row with a 5-2 home success over Solent Devils on Saturday night.

Jamie Randall cancelled out a Solent opener and Ryan Coffey put MK ahead with an excellent individual goal at the end of the second period.

Devils equalised but three goals in five minutes swung the match Thunder's way, with Piotr Poziomkowsk striking twice and Jamie Line also on target.

Thunder are third in the National Ice Hockey League South Division One and travel to Oxford City Stars and Invicta Dynamos on Saturday and Sunday respectively.

ICE HOCKEY

Jarvis is Hunt-ing for success with England

CITY youngster Jarvis Hunt has been called up to the England U13 ice hockey team.

Hunt started his ice hockey career at Milton Keynes ice rink after joining the Learn to Play ice hockey programme.

He started playing games at the age of eight, when he joined the Milton Keynes Storm U10's team, and he progressed quickly and was also asked to play up an age group for their U12's team.

In 2012 he helped the U10s win the EIHA South East U10 League.

At the start of the 2012/13 season, Hunt joined Coventry Blaze U12s and during this season he was also selected for the Midlands U11 Conference team.

In 2013, he travelled to Tilburg, Netherlands, and competed there with his Conference team, who went on to become the U11 2013 National Conference Champions.

Then in 2014, he also helped his team Coventry U12s qualify for the EIHA National Championships in Sheffield.

During this time he was put forward by the Conference coaches to the England U13 development programme, which involved a number of training sessions where he was assessed and then selected to attend a camp in Sheffield of 48 players who were considered to be the best in the country.

At the end of this camp he was one of the 23 players selected for the England U13 training squad.

From this squad he has been chosen to be one of the 18 strong team travelling to Quebec, Canada to take part in the 56th PeeWee International Ice Hockey tournament that takes place in February.

This season the Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School pupil is playing for Slough Jets U14s and they are currently top of the Southern A League.

He has also just been selected for the U13 South East Conference squad.

Hunt trains three times a week in Slough, he has games most weekends and also attends the England and South East Conference training sessions.

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ATHLETICS

THE annual Wolverton five-mile road race celebrates its 50th staging on Saturday, November 29, starting at the Peace Pagoda, Willen Lake.

Another big turn-out was just what Marshall Milton Keynes Athletic Club needed at the second Chiltern Cross Country League match, and an impressive 111 runners represented the club, with plenty of podiums for the runners.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

OLNEY Town made it 19 goals in three games under new boss Steve Kuhne with a 6-1 win over Old Bradwell in the Buckingham Charity Cup, with Jamie Burrows scoring a hat-trick and Deanio Bailey-Browne, Sam Marven and new recruit Harry Zukkour also registering last Tuesday night.

On Saturday, Town lost 3-2 to Rothwell Corinthians in the United Counties League Division One, with Sam O'Neill and Tom van den Bergh scoring. In the Premier Division, Newport Pagnell Town were beaten 3-1 at home to Holbeach United.

In the Spartan South Midlands League Division Two, Old Bradwell United lost 4-0 to Hale Leys United and Willen lost 5-1 to Ealing Town. New Bradwell St Peter drew 2-2 with Totternhoe and Wolverton Town drew 1-1 with Brimsdown. Clean Slate lost 2-0 to Tring Corinthians.

Stony Stratford Town beat The Garage MK 4-0 in the Milton Keynes Sunday League, with Open University losing 4-3 to Wolverton Town and Willen beating Olney Town 4-2. Caz Bar won 5-1 against Punjab United and Inter Faith beat Swanfica 3-1.

SPEEDWAY

MK KNIGHTS' end of season celebration will take place this Saturday from 7pm at the Age UK Milton Keynes Admin Office, the Peartree Centre.

The Midlands Development League champions have invited a number of ex-riders along with some of the current squad for a Q&A session and there will be a raffle and merchandise for sale. All welcome.

POOL

LISA Reynolds became a world champion with the England Ladies pool team.

Twenty nations competed in the Blackball World Championships 2014 held in Perth, Scotland last week, with England defeating reigning champions and favourites France, in the Ladies final.

The World Team title caps off a successful season for Reynolds, which saw her captain Buckinghamshire Ladies to the National County Championships team title earlier this year. Anyone interested in the Bucks team should email blackball@bucks8ball.com.

BADMINTON

HARRY Arksey won the Junior European Championship in Denmark in the doubles competition. The talented youngster received a £2,000 bursary from the MK Community Foundation this summer.

KORFBALL

MK LAKERS headed to Cambridge on Sunday full of confidence to tackle their two nearest rivals in the South East Regional League (SERL).

However, a few players missing meant line-up changes and two poor starts cost the Lakers' first string both games against Cambridge Phoenix (12-8) and Cambridge City (17-13).

The first team's next SERL match sees them take on top-of-the-league Norwich Ice at home on Sunday, and will be followed by a South Midlands Korfball Associtaion League game with Farnborough.

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Afobe Port Vale double sparks Bamford debate

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Who is the better striker - Patrick Bamford or Benik Afobe?

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DONS boss Karl Robinson insists he cannot pick who is the better striker between Benik Afobe and previous hotshot Patrick Bamford.

Arsenal loanee Afobe grabbed his 14th and 15th goals of the season against Port Vale on Saturday to highlight a sensational campaign he is enjoying, which has sparked the debate as to whether he is an even better player than Bamford, who put in an incredible shift during the first part of last season while on loan from Chelsea.

Robinson thinks it would be unfair of him to say that one forward is better than the other.

"Patrick's movement was incredible and he had a lovely running style and he was very game-savvy," said Robinson.

"I think Patrick came to us a better player but I think Benik could end up leaving us as a very potent player.

"Benik has the power and pace to be unplayable.

"I just hope that we get it right because the kid's got so many strengths and his record speaks for itself.

"I think it's a bit unfair for me though because I've got a soft spot for both of them and I like the two of them equally.

"I still speak to Patrick and funnily enough Dele [Alli] was best mates with him and now is with Benik, so he's probably the best person to ask.

"Benik has scored 15 in 12 starts, I think Patrick would have been on 15 after 20 starts, so you have to take that into consideration."

On fire: Benik Afobe has been in sensational form for Dons this season

Picture: Andy Handley

Robinson added that he was keen not to forget about Will Grigg as well – who himself has notched up six goals this season – describing the Brentford loanee forward as a 'wonderful player.'

It all adds up to a very strong squad for Robinson this year – and the 4-3 Vale victory in the FA Cup first round was all the more impressive given that Alli, Darren Potter and Antony Kay didn't start.

"The way the group have blended allows me to rotate fluently and when we score, everybody celebrates," said Robinson.

"I think a lot of teams will fear us and for us to put a team together at such short notice as we did and for them to perform was great.

"If I were a fan that would give me more confidence than seeing the strongest team compete.

"Last year we had Patrick scoring the same amount of goals that Benik was scoring but we had nobody else so when we were scoring goals, it was just him.

"This time the rest of the team can score goals as well, so I think there's a better balance to us, especially going forward."

Dons were drawn at home to Chesterfield in the second round of the FA Cup after the draw took place on Monday night, with Robinson on the BBC Two programme alongside his brother and Warrington Town captain Craig.

His sibling made history on Friday night when he scored the only goal in Northern Premier League Division One side Warrington's giant killing of League Two Exeter City but the draw was to keep the brothers apart.

"We've had two teams from League One so it's been a difficult start to the competition and we've seen when we played them at their place how tough it's going to be, but it's a home draw and another opportunity to reach the third round," the Dons boss added.

"We've not got a bad record in the FA Cup.

"This competition engrosses everybody from the bottom to the top."

Dons are not in action this weekend as their scheduled League One trip to Scunthorpe United has been postponed due to international call-ups.

Currently fourth, they host Port Vale in the League on November 22.

World Cup dream not over yet as McGrandle gets a second chance

ROSE McGrandle missed out on the chance to represent Great Britain at the World Cup despite a fierce battle in Winterberg, Germany – but she will have a second bite of the cherry in Norway on Tuesday.

The city skeleton star was one of the British Skeleton Team's World Cup hopefuls who took part in selection races last Thursday and Friday.

But competition was fierce as she did battle against Laura Deas and Donna Creighton to try and book a place alongside Winter Olympic gold medallist Lizzy Yarnold for the prestigious tournament.

Deas was in excellent form in the Intercontinental Cup last season and her bronze medal from Igls and silver from Park City plus her performance at the selection races sealed a position on her first World Cup tour.

But McGrandle gave a good fight, and she finished just 0.40 seconds behind Deas after four runs of the German track.

The 27-year-old has a second chance, though.

She will now compete for the final women's World Cup slot with Creighton – who was unable to race last week because of sickness – during the first three Intercontinental Cup competitions, which begin on Tuesday in Lillehammer.

The other events take place at Konigsee, Germany, from November 25 to 29, and back in Winterberg from December 2 to 6.

Great Britain's World Cup season begins on December 8 at former Winter Olympics host Lake Placid in the USA.

There are eight races during the World Cup season, which will also take place in Calgary, Canada, Alternberg, Germany, Konigsee, St. Moritz, Switzerland, La Plagne, France, Igls, Austria and Sochi, Russia, where the Winter Olympics took place earlier this year.

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